

Supervisor Dianne Jacob
San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA

cc. Mindy Fogg, Environmental Analyst

Dear Supervisor Jacob:

My family has lived and farmed this land in the Japatul Valley for 85 years. We have been good neighbors to the people who have come in long after my family settled their land, and we have tried to be conscientious concerning the environment.


We waited patiently during the General Plan Update (I served on the group that created the first Alpine Community Plan), and then we waited through the FCI review for county staff to initiate a discussion of the Japatul Valley lands. It never came up. Never was mentioned. Not until our near neighbor, Mary Kay Borchard asked when would be appropriate to bring up a request for a reclassification from 40 acre to 20 acre, did staff respond that he doubted any change could be made of that sort.

I have 2 wells. One pumps over 500 gallons a minute; the other pumps over 300. My land, and my neighbors' lands are gently rolling topography. Our lands together touch lands that are developed at 8 acre minimum, and are far more 'challenged' than ours. If we are allowed this change in classification from 40 to 20, any development would involve a road causing Japatul Lane to cease being a dead end road and cause it to connect to Japatul Valley Road south of us. I'm told this creates "connectivity" - something that is desired in fire country.

The Alpine Planning Group heard our request for RL-20 and approved it overwhelmingly. I do not see anything that specifically addresses us in the SEIR that the public has been asked to comment upon.

I am joining my neighbors in reasserting that development of this sort in the Japatul Valley will be beneficial to the environment, and will also brighten our economy out here.

We ask you to look with favor on our request, as it is reasonable and proper.



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